

up his grounds, prepare it for the seeds, do the planting, and patiently wait for the harvest. No amount of fretting and impatience will hasten the harvest time one single day. So it is with the Christian worker—the pastor, the teacher, the moral reformer—all must “learn to labor and to wait.” The patience of Job was proverbial. His fortitude under severest trials, his persistent faith in the goodness of God, his unprecedented patience in suffering makes him stand out as the greatest of heroes in the Old Testament. Time brought all things right under the blessing of God. God’s patience, long suffering and forbearance towards us should remind us that we owe patient forbearance to all with whom we are in any way connected in labors for their welfare.

II. Urgent! According to Oriental custom, the guests were first invited to the banquet and when the feast was ready the king sent forth his servants again to notify them that all things were ready, and that they were now expected at the marriage of his son. Such the tender persistence of God in his appeal to the unsaved. Christ is revealed in the attitude of a patient and persistent applicant at the door of the heart. Rev. 3:20. With loving pertinacity the gospel promise and invitation are repeated. Rev. 22:17. Urgent the call; have we answered?

III. Some notable examples of “taking things patiently.” Sir Isaac Newton had a little dog called Diamond, which, one evening when his master had gone to his supper, upset a lighted taper upon the table where lay laborious calculations of years. When the philosopher returned and beheld the destruction of his manuscripts, he exclaimed: “Ah! Diamond you little know the mischief you have wrought!” and then sat down and commenced to reproduce them. Friends how many of us are Newtons today under like circumstances? I’d pity the Diamond! It is said that after Carlyle had finished the first volume of “The French Revolution” he submitted it to a friend for a perusal, whose maid servant, finding the manuscript on the floor, gathered it up, what she supposed was waste paper, and used the precious papers to kindle the fire. The great author patiently began the task all over without any useless complaints and in due time the work as we now have it was the result. Are there any Carlyles now? I trust there are and may God’s choicest blessing accompany them on their pilgrimage here on earth and eternal joy may be yours in the world to come.

Robert Ainsworth and Edward Livingstone, the former an author of a dictionary of the Latin language, the latter author of the code of Louisianian law, each saw the labor of years perish in the flames, but patiently set to work about the task of reproducing the whole work anew. How comforting the assurance which God gave unto the church of Ephesus: “I know thy works and thy labor and thy patience . . . and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my

name’s sake hast labored and hast not fainted.” As workers in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ let us cultivate more and more the spirit and grace of patience which has characterized our Lord and Master. Patience governs the flesh, strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, extinguishes envy, subdues pride. She teaches humility, bridles the tongue, restrains the hand, tramples on temptation, endures persecutions, consummates martyrdom; she comforts the poor, moderates the rich, makes us humble in prosperity and cheerful in adversity, unmoved by calumny and reproach; she teaches us to forgive those who have injured us and to be first in asking forgiveness of those whom we have injured; she delights the faithful, invites the unbelieving, and is beautiful in every sex and age.

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#### PAUL’S REQUEST

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In Thess. 3:1 Paul made this request of the Thessalonian church: “Brethren, pray for us.” This request was made in behalf of not only Paul, but of Silvanus and Timothy, whose names are coupled with Paul’s at the beginning of the epistle. This request is significant, not only in what it specifically refers to, but in what it does not expressly include. Paul gives the object of his request in these words: “that the word of the Lord may and be glorified, even as also it is with you.” Notice that Paul did not request prayer for its own sake, nor in behalf of Silvanus and Timothy, but for the sake of the Lord’s word.

While it is true that Paul wanted his brethren’s prayers for himself and his fellow workers, yet he desires most of all that the help which would come to him and them thru those prayers should enable them to cause the Lord’s word to “run and be glorified.” Observe that Paul did not ask prayer for the purpose of making him eloquent, nor to enable him to preach great sermons, nor even to assist him in securing a large of converts.

Preachers in these days often request thier brethren to pray that their labors may result in the conversion of a large number of souls, but I fail to find in Paul’s writings any such request from him. Of course he was intensely desirous that a large number of sinners should be saved thru his ministry; why, then, did he not ask his brethren to pray that he might be the means of saving many sinners? I think that the reason was that he knew that if the word of the Lord should be made to “run” and should be “glorified,” souls would be saved as a consequence. It certainly is true that when the Lord’s word has a free course among sinners they are saved by it. That word is “glorified” when men are saved by it. Paul and his co-workers laid great emphasis upon the Lord’s word in all of their ministrations, and they wanted their brethren to pray that the Holy Spirit might accompany the preaching of the Word; then the sinners would be saved.

## The Home

### Does Any One Care for Father?

Does any one care for father?  
Does any one think of the one  
Upon whose tired, bent shoulders  
The cares of the family come—  
The father who strives for your comfort,  
And toils from night unto day,  
Altho his steps ever grow slower,  
And his dark locks are turning gray?  
Does any one think of the due bills  
He’s called upon daily to pay?  
Milliner bills, grocery bills, doctor bills—  
There are bills of some kind every day.  
Like a patient horse in a treadmill,  
He works on from morning till night.  
Does any one think he is tired?  
Does any one make his home bright?  
Is it right, just because he looks troubled,  
To say he is as cross as a bear?  
Kind words, little actions and kindness  
Might banish his burdens of care.  
’Tis for you he’s ever so anxious,  
He will toil for you while he may live;  
In return he only asks kindness,  
And such pay is easy to give.

—Sunday-school Advocate.

### Look for the Beauty in Things

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There is a beauty even in that which is imperfect. A little child is appreciated, even tho he is a very imperfect specimen of a man. The first tottering steps that he learns to take are a source of great joy to doting parents, even tho his exhibition of walking is far from perfect. His first musical exercise, or attempt at drawing, or little bit of puckered sewing, is not rejected because it is so imperfect. It is even more highly prized because of its incompleteness. Its beauty does not lie in its imperfection, but in its character.

Character being assumed, imperfection is simply incompleteness. It is a stage in the process of development. The unfinished work of a master artist is not condemned because it is incomplete. Let the consecrated child of God take courage. God requires consecrated work, but not perfection.

### For Whom Work Is Waiting

Success.

Never did the world call more loudly for young men with force, energy and purpose—young men trained to do some one thing—than today. Tho hundreds of thousands are out of employment, yet never before was it so hard to get a good employee for almost any position as today.

Everywhere people are asking where to find a good servant, a polite and efficient clerk, an honest cashier, a good stenographer who can spell and punctuate and is generally well informed.

Managers and superintendents of great institutions everywhere are hunting for good people to fill all sorts of positions. They tell us that it is almost impossible to find efficient help for any department. There are hundreds of applicants for every vacant place, but they either show signs of dissipa-